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## POLITICAL MANDATE OF COICA TO COP30

### *“Territorial Voices of the Forest”*

The Coordinator of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin (COICA) and its member organizations — AIDESEP (Peru), CONFENIAE (Ecuador), COIAB (Brazil), OPIAC (Colombia), OIS (Suriname), APA (Guyana), ORPIA (Venezuela), CIDOB (Bolivia), FOAG (French Guiana), and VIDS (fraternal organization of Suriname)\*\* — gathered in the city of Brasília from October 1 to 4, 2025, and, considering the Earth Charter (ECO-92), the Brazzaville Declaration, the Political Declaration of the Indigenous Peoples of the Amazon Basin and all Brazilian biomes for COP30, the Proposal of the Regional Organization of Indigenous Peoples of Amazonas (ORPIA) within the framework of the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) of Indigenous Peoples, the Paramuru'po Declaration: Voices of Indigenous Amazonian Women, and the Position of the Indigenous Peoples of the Amazon in view of the V Presidential Summit of the OTCA — in compliance with the mandate of the COICA Coordination Council (CCC) — we raise our voices through this POLITICAL MANDATE OF COICA, *“Territorial Voices of the Forest”*, for climate action, biodiversity protection, and the defense of our rights.

The Indigenous Peoples of the Amazon are part of nature; we are not outside of it, and we are the ancestral owners and legitimate authorities of our territories. When the forest becomes sick, humanity becomes sick; when the rivers dry up, our life dries up. The Amazon Basin, the climatic heart of the planet, is going through a critical phase, reaching its point of no return, due to serious forest fires, legal and illegal economies, and extractive activities that devastate and contaminate the territory; extreme drought; deforestation; changes in the water cycle; and the contamination of rivers and lakes that have reached historically alarming levels, added to the persecution, criminalization, and assassination of Indigenous leaders and defenders of the territory.

All climate or energy measures that affect Indigenous Peoples and their territories must respect our rights, such as the right to self-determination and to free, prior, and informed consent, including the right to say no, and must ensure our full and effective participation and representation in all decision-making processes through our own governance structures. Likewise, climate action must also be measured by indicators based on the collective rights of Indigenous Peoples and by coherence between discourse and practice, responding to the ethics that we, as Indigenous Peoples of the Amazon Rainforest, practice — and for which we demand that promises be fulfilled.

Therefore, we, the Indigenous Peoples of the Amazon Basin, demand that all decisions of COP30, the nationally determined contributions (NDCs), and all climate policy implemented by the State Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) adopt and implement the following proposals:



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1. **Guarantee the legal security of our Territories** through demarcation, titling, and/or other legal and administrative measures, including those of the territories of Indigenous Peoples in Isolation and Initial Contact (PIACI).
2. **Decree the Amazon as an exclusion zone for all types of extractive activities, in particular oil, gas,** and conventional mining and the mining of transition or critical minerals, beginning with the territories of Indigenous Peoples and, urgently, with the territories of the PIACI.
3. **Decree the territories of the PIACI as de facto intangible exclusion zones,** free from any extractive activity, and create cross-border corridors that guarantee their rights and existence.
4. **Guarantee the rights of Indigenous Peoples and of the PIACI in the just energy transition.** The energy transition cannot replace one extractivist model with another, but must transform the economic and energy model to ensure respect for nature and our collective rights. Climate measures must be built with us and not over us, guaranteeing that the Amazon continues to be a living territory and not a sacrifice zone.
5. **Adopt urgent protection measures for Indigenous and environmental leaders and defenders at risk,** prioritizing regional prevention and protection protocols articulated with the justice and human rights institutions of each country, in accordance with the Escazú Agreement.
6. **Adopt and operationalize mechanisms of direct, flexible, and culturally appropriate financing for Indigenous Peoples and their organizations, without generating debt.** Specific windows must be created in multilateral funds, such as the Green Climate Fund (GCF). We demand commitments with fair quantitative and qualitative goals, allocating a proportion equivalent to the contributions of Indigenous territories in the climate goals and in the NDCs, and that at least 40% of the financing be dedicated from the Pledge 2.0 and the Tropical Forest Forever Facility (TFFF).
7. **Recognize in the loss and damage mechanisms that the impacts on Indigenous Peoples are not only economic and material, but also spiritual, cultural, and intergenerational, such as the loss of languages, cultures, wisdoms, spiritualities, and sacred territories.** We demand that the Loss and Damage Fund and the Parties guarantee Indigenous participation with decision-making power, and develop and strengthen Indigenous mechanisms that ensure a direct access channel to these mechanisms.
8. **Guarantee that in the global goal on adaptation and its implementation the collective rights and life plans of Indigenous Peoples are respected.** The indicators of the global goal on adaptation and the National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) must incorporate and guarantee our collective rights, life plans, and governance, with data disaggregated by Indigenous peoples and territories.
9. **Guarantee the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples in climate governance.** We demand voting seats in the governance of the GCF, the Loss and Damage Fund, and other relevant mechanisms, and in the selection and evaluation of projects.



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Likewise, national delegations must include Indigenous negotiators designated by our representative organizations. We have demonstrated technical and political capacity to influence texts and decisions; we will continue to do so with written proposals and shared roadmaps, articulated with allied countries and with other tropical basins.

**10. Generate permanent spaces and mechanisms for dialogue, coordination, planning, and government-to-government co-management between the State Parties and the Indigenous Peoples on equal terms, to discuss climate policies that allow the regionalization of concrete goals to reverse the point of no return of the Amazon biome.**

**We firmly urge that we are the territorial voices of the Amazon.** We do not ask for permission to exist or to decide over our malocas, forests, and rivers; we demand coherence: that climate action recognize who we are and how we live. A living Amazon is a condition for the planet's climate stability. **Belém do Pará will be a historic space in which the world will have the possibility to turn decades of declarations into urgent and binding actions.** We invite the States and the international community to walk with us on this path: demarcated/titled and non-sacrificable territories; participation with decision-making power; direct financing without debt; a just transition without extractivism; and comprehensive reparation for losses and damages.

**We are the answer  
Living Amazon, safe humanity**

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